

**ORDINANCE O-18-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, AMENDING THE CITY CODE,  
ARTICLES 2.7, YOUTH COUNCIL, AND PROVIDING FOR REPEAL AND  
SEVERABILITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Bisbee have previously authorized the creation of a Youth Council to serve as a forum for the discussion of issues related to our youth and to help to improve the lines of communication between this segment of our community and City officials, among other responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, other amendments to the language of this Article 2.7 would help to clarify certain portions of this section of the City Code and to allow for broader participation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the City of Bisbee and its citizens to adopt this amendment to the City Code,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, STATE OF ARIZONA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The amendments to Article 2.7, Youth Council, of the City Code, as stated in the attached Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted.

**Section 2.** All prior resolutions, ordinances, and policies are hereby repealed to the extent of any conflict with this Ordinance.

**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Bisbee on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

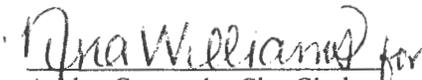
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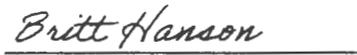
David M. Smith, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Britt Hanson, City Attorney

## EXHIBIT A

### AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 2.7 OF THE CITY CODE, YOUTH COUNCIL

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#### ARTICLE 2.7 YOUTH COUNCIL (O-13-04; O-05-21; O-86-190)

##### 2.7.1 Created

There is hereby created the City of Bisbee Youth Council whose members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the City Council.

##### 2.7.2 Membership

The Youth Council membership shall be composed of up to seven regular members, who shall be students **between the ages of thirteen years and eighteen years**, ~~in grades 6 through 12~~. One adult, who has demonstrated his or her commitment to working with and serving the youth of this community, shall be also appointed as a non-voting advisor to the Youth Council, in addition to the regular members.

- A. A member shall not be absent from Youth Council regular meetings for more than three consecutive times without a reasonable excuse. After the absence from three consecutive meetings, the remaining members of the Council shall vote to retain or recommend to the City Council that the absentee member be released from his or her duties on the Youth Council.

##### 2.7.3 Organization

The members of the Youth Council shall serve without compensation. They shall elect by majority vote a chair person, vice chair, and such other officers as they shall deem proper. The Youth Council may adopt bylaws and shall hold their regular meetings on a quarterly basis, with such other special meetings as they may determine to be necessary or appropriate. The bylaws, as well as amendments thereof, and all minutes of the Youth Council shall be filed with the City.

##### 2.7.4 Function and Purpose

The function and purpose of the Youth Council shall be:

- A. To meet regularly as a representative organization of the youth of the Bisbee community.
- B. To provide a common forum for discussion and coordination of youth activities.
- C. To provide a direct and effective voice for the youth of the community in their communications with the mayor and council.
- D. To confer with and advise the mayor and council on matters of concern to the youth of the community and to compile, receive and disseminate information and data relating thereto.
- E. To recommend and encourage actions, programs, and legislation beneficial to the community youth.
- F. To develop and encourage participation by youth in the community in matters of interest to them and to foster community understanding and support of the projects, aims and goals of the

youth council and in such manner to promote the general welfare, interests and wellbeing of the citizens of the community.

- G. To involve youth in assisting in the planning, operation and evaluation of the local youth service system as consumers of those services.
- H. To improve communication between youth and older persons involved in administration of the youth service system.
- I. To provide input, as requested, on the applications for and the proposed use of federal, state, and local funds intended for youth related programs and activities.
- J. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Mayor and Council of the City of Bisbee.

#### **2.7.5 Limitation of Power**

Neither the Youth Council nor any member thereof may incur City expenses without submitting a request to and receiving prior authorization from the Mayor, nor may the Youth Council or any member thereof obligate the City in any manner or form except that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to provide stationery and postage as may be necessary to prepare proposed agendas, minutes of meetings and other business communications of the Youth Council and distribute copies of the same. The Mayor is also authorized to allow use of the council chambers to the Youth Council as a meeting place.